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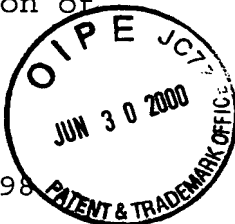
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIMECommissioner of Patents
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June 30, 2000


Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a three-month Extension of Time, to and including June 30, 2000, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated December 30, 2000 in the above-identified application.

Our check including the amount of \$870.00 is attached in payment of the appropriate fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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